NOTE XXXIII.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW GENUS AND THREE NEW SPECIES OF MALAYAN GALERUCINAE.

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Hoplasoma, nov. gen.

Body elongate; eyes round, entire; penultimate joint of palpi thickened; antennae slender, filiform, second joint very short, fourth joint longer than the third; thorax squareshaped, disk transversely depressed at the posterior half; scutellum subpentagonal; elytra elongate, very finely and semiregularly punctured, with some obsolete longitudinal costae; their epipleurae very narrow, extending to the apex; legs rather robust, tibiae unarmed; the first posterior tarsal joint as long as the two following united; claws deeply bifid; prosternum invisible between the thighs; anterior coxal cavities open.

In its general shape and squareshaped thorax, the species upon which I am obliged to found the present genus, resembles *Phyllobrotica* to which it is without doubt closely allied but at once distinguished by the deeply bifid claws; the epipleurae also, although very narrow, are nevertheless distinct and the second joint of the antennae is shorter than is generally the rule in the allied genus.

Hoplasoma apicalis, n. sp.

Testaceous or fulvous; thorax impunctate; elytra scarcely visibly punctured, their apical third portion black. — Length 4—4½ lines.

♂. Anterior tarsi dilated; first and second abdominal segment with two appendages at the middle; elytra shining.

♀. Elytra more opaque, abdomen without appendages.

Vertex of the head rather convex, impunctate, deeply transversely grooved between the eyes; frontal tubercles strongly raised, broad, trigonate; antennae half the length of the body, closely approached, first joint curved, thickened at the apex, third and following joints slender, elongate; thorax very slightly broader than long, the sides straight at the base, very little rounded before the middle, the angles acute but not produced, surface deeply transversely depressed at the entire posterior half, entirely impunctate; elytra with some extremely fine punctures arranged in indistinct rows here and there, with a distinct longitudinal edge or ridge from the shoulder to below the middle, this ridge prevents the lateral margin from being seen when the insect is viewed from above and is accompained at its inner side by a longitudinal depression; apical portion black, shining.

First abdominal segment in the male furnished at each side in the middle with a narrow appendage, second segment with a similar appendage but more than double as long; last segment with a deep groove.

Female larger, punctuation of the elytra more distinct, the latter not so shining; posterior legs shorter; abdomen simple; tarsi not dilated.

Hab. Aru Islands and Gorontalo: N. Celebes (C. B. H. von Rosenberg).

Monolepta javana, n. sp.

Testaceous; head black; basal joints of the antennae and base of the tibiae piceous; thorax as long as broad; elytra testaceous, a discoidal longitudinal band and the lateral margin anteriorly, piceous or black. — Length $1^1/_4$ line.

Lower part of the face strongly punctured; frontal tuber-

cles highly developed; antennae not quite so long as the body, the basal and the 8th, 9th and 10th joints testaceous, the rest piceous; thorax as long or slightly longer than broad, the sides a little narrowed at the base, posterior angles rather oblique, surface impunctate, flavous; scutellum narrow, broader than long; elytra convex, scarcely visibly punctured, testaceous, each elytron with a broad black longitudinal band commencing at the base but not quite extending to the apex, the lateral margin and the epipleurae of the same colour but not continued below the middle; underside and legs testaceous, base of the tibiae and the claws piceous.

This little species, of which two specimens from Batavia: W. Java (A. L. van Hasselt) and one from Pleyhari: S. E. Borneo (J. Semmelink) are before me, has a most extraordinary resemblance in colour and shape to a probably undescribed *Monolepta* from Africa (Congo) also contained in the Leyden Museum.

Monolepta albofasciata, n. sp.

Head, breast and antennae black; thorax, abdomen and femora flavous; elytra closely punctured, black, a transverse narrow band at the middle and another near the apex yellowish white. — Length $1^1/_2$ line.

Head impunctate; antennae as long as the body, second and third joints very short, subequal, the rest slender, pubescent; thorax nearly twice as broad as long, pale brownish yellowish, the sides nearly straight, slightly widened from base to apex, surface impunctate; elytra finely and closely punctured, their epipleurae obsolete below the shoulders; tibiae and tarsi black, the posterior tibiae with a spine, their first tarsal joint much longer than the 3 following joints together; claws appendiculate.

Hab. Batavia: W. Java (A. L. van Hasselt). — Two specimens.

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